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is to remove that word minimum with reference to the compensation they receive. There is only one city, and I think it is Fremont, which wants to be able to pay these individuals. That takes it away from the voluntary category and you are setting up what is called the Reserve Force and the testimony in the Committee was to the effect that they want to be able to pay these people. So by insertion of the word minimum, in terms of receiving that \$1, it means that they can be paid more than that, too. So if you will strike the word minimum at that point and strike section 8, not only will I not oppose the bill, I won't comment on it one way or another on its journey across the Board.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, section 8, I think I could live with deleting and you have got a valid point there. There are other Nebraska laws that come into play there that still create a problem. I think you are aware of them. However, on the minimum, there is more than a few reasons for retaining that. Let us assume they do have somebody that wants to go to training school and he is going to lose \$15 or \$20 or \$50 or going to have expenses down there, then I think he should be entitled as a Reserve Officer to be reimbursed for those expenses. We don't impose any maximum and I think that should be left up to the county. I don't think you can reasonably require or ask talent of the community in which you don't at least reimburse them for that out-of-pocket expenses and that is all I seek there. I would accept the section 8 amendment you propose.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, Senator DeCamp, so that I am not putting myself in a box that I may later have to come out of, at this point, I will leave it alone based on what you said the intent is in terms of the compensation and, perhaps, we can work out language as the bill moves across to limit it to what you are talking about and make sure that it does not encompass the notion of a salary. So with what you have said, if you accept the striking of section 8 and I will work with you and whoever else wants this bill on this provision about the possibility of pay, then I won't oppose it any further at this stage of the proceedings. But if I am not satisfied about the use of that possibility of a salary, then I am going to continue to try to have that word minimum stricken but I won't try to do it at this point.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime. Oh, Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Members of this body, it wouldn't hurt to strike this section but the people that have been in there and worked for several years should have credit for the training that they already have. They can continue on. They will have to take added training but they should have credit for the training that they have already had over the years that they have been in there as a reserve deputy.